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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE FROM MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

1. MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD:
QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THIS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MY PRAYER IS THAT GOD GUIDE AND BLESS AMERICA. THE FOUNDING FATHERS' UNCOMPROMISING STAND AGAINST OPPRESSION, THEIR MORAL FIBRE AND INDOMITABLE SPIRIT CULMINATING IN THE CREATION OF A NATION BASED ON THE CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM, TRUTH AND JUSTICE MADE AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION UPON ME DURING THE MANY YEARS I STUDIED IN AMERICA. I HAVE ALWAYS CHERISHED THE MANY FOND MEMORIES
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AND CLOSE AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS FORMED THROUGHOUT THE

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YEARS ACROSS THE LAND - A LAND I HAVE CONSIDERED MY SECOND HOME EVER SINCE CHILDHOOD. WITH WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. FORD,

CORDIALLY YOURS MAYLING SOONG CHIANG UNQUOTE

2. PLEASE DELIVER TO MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE DEAR MADAME CHIANG:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES. WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE WITH PRIDE IN OUR HERITAGE AND RENEWED DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY UPON WHICH OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED. WE WARMLY WELCOME YOUR EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL IN SHARING WITH US THIS BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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